

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
17th February 2021

Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether it is customary practice that cars being clamped in residential areas are moved to different paid parking spaces? I am asking on foot of reports of residents living on Donore Road that cars illegally parked on other streets in the area are being moved to their streets. When they asked the clamping operatives they were told it was permissible.

Reply

The Dublin Street Parking Services remove illegally parked vehicles to a nearby safe location when they are parked in a location where they present a safety risk to other road users or pedestrians such as vehicles parked on a clearway, cycle way, block an entrance to a residence, a footpath or block a street. Also, when vehicles are parked in a location that prevents other road users from using a space legally such as in a loading bay, the Dublin Street Parking Services relocate an illegally parked vehicle to a nearby safe location and clamp the vehicle there. This practice is ongoing to ensure a safe and more free flowing use of public road space for motorists, cyclists and members of the public on foot.

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Q2 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services for a report on any traffic/mobility audits that have been carried out on the junction of SCR/Brookfield Road in Rialto in the past 12 months?

Reply

Traffic Section have recently agreed a re-design of the SCR/Brookfield Road junction, produced by engineering consultant appointed by National Paediatric Hospital Board. The re-design involves removal of the slip road adjacent to Mace and improved signalised pedestrian crossings and cycle lanes. Traffic Section have not carried out a formal traffic/mobility audit at SCR Brookfield Road junction, in the past 12 months.

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Q3 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to give an update on the number of tree planting in the South Central Area in 2019-2020, and trees removed.

Reply

Since the last report to the councillor on tree care, April 2020, the following trees have been planted and removed across South Central Area:

Tree Planting May –December 2020 South Central Area

Location	Number & Type
Kimmage Road West	3x Parrotia 6 x Betula

Markievicz Pk	3 No. Prunus
Kylemore Park	2 no Prunus

Please Note that close to 300 trees are being planted across parks, open spaces and streets in South Central as part of our annual tree planting programme which arrived just before Christmas 2020. Due to Covid restrictions the planting is slower than normal.

Tree Removal May 2020-Dec 2020

Kimmage Road West	12 x Cherries, dead, diseased, dying.
Brickfields Park	9 x various, dead, diseased, dying.
Le Fanu Park	5 No various, construction of skatepark related.
Mt. Brown	2 x Acer saccharinum, storm damaged, growing in unsuitable location.
Gray Street	2 No, Diseased, dead, dying trees removed.
Brabazon Square	1 No. Diseased, dead, dying tree removed.
Reginald Street	2 No. Diseased, dead, dying trees removed.
Millrose Ave., Bluebell	4 No, 2 diseased 2 touching house
La Touche Park, Bluebell	5 No. Diseased, dead, dying
Ballyfermot Crescent	1 No removed due to excessive lean
Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot	1 No: struck by lorry
Lough Conn Road, Ballyfermot	1 No: struck by stolen car

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent*
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Q4 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to change the system of the pedestrian lights at the junction of Moeran and Cromwellsfort roads. It works on a sensor so only changes when there is no traffic in either direction and then only goes green/amber for about 10 seconds. To ask the Director also to ensure the time for crossing is extended? Could a survey be carried out to see if a yellow box at the same junction would be useful: cars constantly blocking the path just after Fort Motors on Cromwellsfort Road make it hard to pass and impossible to give space to others.

Reply

The traffic signals at this location are on the boundary with South Dublin County Council and the signals are controlled by South Dublin County Council.

Contact: *Karen Hosie, Senior Executive ITS Officer*
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Q5 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to collect Council bins that are not attributed to anyone in Chapelizod: at the Arch In New Row, at the hoarding on Main Street and at Church Lane on Martin's Row.

Reply

Waste Management Services inspected the above mentioned locations on the 5th February 2021 and found one wheelie bin which was not attributed to anyone in this area and they removed this bin.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services

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Q6 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to give Councillors an update on the work done to implement the motion passed in September on school mobility plan especially the schools that will not be included to the list of DCC School Zone.

Reply

New School Outreach Officers

Between November 2020 and January 2021, two new Schools Outreach Officers were recruited internally to join the Covid Mobility Team. The role of these Officers is to work directly with schools and the school community to encourage and support active travel to school.

School Zones

In a School Zone, the overall design objective is to reduce congestion and increase safety at the front of the school, and thereby prioritise active travel to and from school. School Zone measures include colourful road markings outside the school area to alert drivers that they are in a School Zone and encourage them to reduce their speed. Pencil-shaped bollards on the footpaths will prevent illegal parking and allow more space for children to walk safely to school. It is hoped that reducing space for cars to park at the school gate will increase walking and cycling among the school community.

In late August of 2020, we contacted all primary schools in the DCC area informing them of our School Zone initiative and information on how to apply. To date, we have received applications from 103 schools and 29 have been installed. The COVID Mobility Technical Team are assessing all submissions for suitability. Schools will be contacted with timelines, if it is deemed to be an appropriate intervention at the particular location. The breakdown of the 29 School Zones completed to date by administrative area is as follows:

- South Central Area 7
- South East Area 7
- Central Area 9
- North West Area 3
- North Central Area 3

The next installations are due to take place in the South City are as follows:

- Our Lady of Good Counsel GNS, Knocknrea Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12
- Our Lady of Good Counsel BNS, Sperrin Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12
- Our Lady of Good Counsel Infant School, Drimnagh, Dublin 12
- St Ultan's School, Cherry Orchard Avenue, Cherry Orchard, Dublin 10
- St Harold's Cross Primary School, Clareville Road Harold's Cross, Dublin 6

- Scoil Mológa, Clareville Road, Harrold's Cross, Dublin 6

There are a further 2 on the Southside at final design stage. Subject to final consultation with school Principals and the NTA, these will be completed over the coming weeks.

There are 10 schools citywide at preliminary design stage with the NTA, 8 of which are in a 50km/h speed limit zone.

Site observation visits from technical and Schools Outreach Officers will be conducted for all schools who have applied. The current COVID restrictions and the closure of schools will mean that, in general, works will be completed on schools where the designs have already been agreed and survey work and design proposals drawn up for other locations. The interviews and observations during these visits will facilitate the co-design of supports and resource materials appropriate for each school. Schools within a proposed or completed School Zone location will be encouraged to work collaboratively with the community to gain the best possible outcome from the School Zone installation.

Cycle & Scooter Parking for Schools

The City Council has been granted funding from the NTA to deliver cycle and scooter parking to schools and sports clubs in the DCC administrative area. This round of applications is open until 15 February, 2021. We have received applications from 13 schools to date. Applications can be made online [Consultation Hub](#).

Schools Mobility Online resources

We have a dedicated [School Mobility page](#) on the DCC website providing information on our programme with links to School Zone and Cycle & Scooter parking applications. In addition, the page provides useful guides and links to behaviour change resources and interventions. We will continue to develop this page as our programme develops.

Walking and Cycle Buses and Park & Strides

We have engaged and supported a number of these parent-led initiatives.

Green-Schools Walkability & Cycleability Audits

We liaise with various departments within DCC to implement the actions requested through Green-Schools walkability and cycleability audits.

School Cycle Training

We provide funding to primary schools for the delivery of cycle-right training.

New Walking & Cycling Action Plan

Dublin City Council will be engaging with Area Committees and local communities throughout 2021 to develop a Walking & Cycling Action Plan. The purpose of the plan is as follows:

- To increase the number and diversity of people walking and cycling in Dublin City;
- To inform the new City Development Plan;
- To align with new City Centre Transport Study.

This Action Plan will be developed by using a collaborative community-based approach to engage, inform, listen, co-create solutions.

It is intended that the Action Plan will set out succinct actions to identify, prioritise, design and implement safe, accessible and attractive walking and cycling infrastructure networks and behaviour change initiatives.

This Plan will not focus on large scale infrastructure (as this is covered in the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan), rather, it will identify and prioritise local infrastructure networks, for example:

- Local travel – schools, shops, leisure - Neighbourhoods
- Linking communities to major PT and cycling schemes
- Increased permeability / desire lines / safety / attractiveness
- Obstacles (parking, road space etc.)

We will be engaging with all schools in the DCC area during the development of this Plan.

Contact: Antonia Martin, Communication & Promotion Officer, Covid Mobility Team

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Q7 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to work with Liffey Gael on a pedestrian and cycling plan to access the club. The club and the community adjacent to the club on the north side of Sarsfield road is affected by segregation by the road. The club is working hard in collaboration with DCC on a long term plan and access is the main difficulty in the plan.

Reply

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We will engage Liffey Gael GAA Club as part of this process.

Please note, DCC has recently been granted funding from the NTA to deliver cycle and scooter parking sports clubs in the DCC administrative area. This round of applications is open until 15th February, 2021. Applications can be made online: [Application page for Sports Clubs.](#)

Contact: Antonia Martin, Communication & Promotion Officer, Covid Mobility Team
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Q8 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services how we can help Our Lady of the Wayside N.S., Bluebell with the creation of a sensory garden and outdoor classroom on the school ground. The school opened a class for children with ASD and would benefit from an outdoor facility.

Reply

The development of an outdoor classroom and sensory garden in Our Lady of the Wayside N.S. would come under the remit of the Department of Education.

The City Council will offer the school some bedding plants during the May planting season.

Contact: Miriam Flynn, Community Development Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office
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Q9 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council please ensure that cycling options are available through a series of cycling lanes in the Dublin West area of the City towards the City Centre i.e. Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard, Chapelizod, Inchicore, Bluebell, Drimnagh and Walkinstown. All too often the west of the city is forgotten in line with bus corridors etc. We must create safe facilities for people wishing to cycle around our communities / city etc.

Reply

Confirmation with regard to the extended Cycle Network is awaited from the NTA. An update will be provided to the Councillor by the end of February 2021.

Contact: Christopher K. Manzira, Senior Transportation Officer
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Email: SMP@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that proper Bicycle storage facilities be provided at Ballyfermot Civic Centre, Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 10, for staff and visitors using this excellent facility.

Reply

This will be investigated and if a suitable location can be found it will be included in a future batch of cycle parking.

Contact: Éanna Mac Cana, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation
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Q11 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council please look again at the serious speed problem on Lough Conn Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, with a view to erecting reduce speed signs, speed cushions and or rumble strips to aid

speed reduction. In the past couple of weeks, a number of residents have contacted me in relation to speeding motor bikes / cars on this narrow road, as it is the only road in the Drumfinn Avenue without speed reduction measures. It is now used as a rat run for speeding vehicles.

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7018937) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group

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Q12 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council re-position the various containers located at Walkinstown Credit Union on Walkinstown Green, Dublin 12. Residents have asked that they be moved elsewhere, as they are left there for long periods. In addition, can we look at the operation and maintenance of bottle banks that look very poor and distract from a clean and tidy environment and there is a general concern that litter is not removed from the streets in a timely manner in the Walkinstown Area / bins left overflowing. I am aware we are down staff, however, can we try and do a major clean up to get on top of the problem. I am asked by many residents what their LPT pays for. Obviously, I explain, but some people feel they should have a better service with these additional resources. I wish to record my deep appreciation for all the efforts our staff give to keeping our communities clean and tidy.

Reply

Road Maintenance currently have two groundhog huts at that location and as soon as our personnel are available, both huts will be relocated.

Contact: Carl Ryan-Operations & South Central Area Engineer.

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Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services are currently developing a bottle-bank maintenance programme and intend to systematically re-paint all DCC stock steel bottle banks this year. We are also engaged in a programme of animation of bottle banks in highly visible locations. A number of bottle bank across the city were animated in 2020 and were all well received by locals. The programme is on hold due to the current lockdown but I would be happy to add the banks on Walkinstown Green to the list.

Contact: Sid Daly, Public Domain Officer, Waste Management Services

Email: sid.daly@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services will monitor the cleaning of the Walkinstown area to ensure that it is kept as clean as possible. Litter bins are emptied daily and the area at the bottle banks is cleaned daily.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,

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Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that serious Garda attention be requested to ensuring Brickfields Park, Drimnagh, Dublin 12, is reclaimed from a couple of small groups who are ruining the enjoyment of the Park for everyone else. I have had residents onto me saying they do not feel safe using this wonderful facility and can additional policing / cameras be provided to deter anti-social behaviour. In addition, can Traffic Enforcement be asked to look at illegal car parking at the street corners in the vicinity of Our Lady's Hospital, Drimnagh, Dublin 12. We all accept there is a serious traffic problem here, however the area has cars blocking up the junctions and it is only a matter of time before serious accidents occur. The cars are parked where the footpaths are dipped resulting in people with children / limited mobility having to go out on the road to pass by.

Reply

Parking Enforcement Inspector will attend the areas in question and arrange for the required enforcement to be undertaken. The issue of antisocial behaviour in the park is a matter for the Parks Department and An Garda Síochana.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer

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The issue of drug dealing in Brickfields has been highlighted to local Gardaí by Parks staff, who have said they are aware of the situation and giving it attention.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent

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Q14 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that DCC please look into the following (*details supplied*) and can we please ensure that in future before any changes are made of a major nature, discussions take place with adjoining properties / services.

Reply

A School Zone is an initiative designed to give priority to students at the school gate by freeing up footpaths and reducing vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling. In a School Zone the overall design objective is to reduce congestion and increase safety at the front of school, and thereby prioritise active travel (walking and cycling) to and from school. School Zone measures include colourful road markings outside the school area to alert drivers that they are in a School Zone and encourage them to reduce their speed. Pencil-shaped bollards on the footpaths will prevent illegal parking and allow more space for children to walk safely to school. Reducing space for cars to park at the school gate supports walking and cycling among the school community whilst creating greater space for social distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to the emergency nature of the pandemic the School Zones are prioritised to be installed within a minimum period of 4 weeks from successful application by the School.

In late August of 2020, we contacted all primary schools in the DCC area informing them of our School Zone initiative and information on how to apply. Supporting information on the application page advises schools that School Zones are only suitable on local and residential roads and must have the support from the school, the parents and local residents. On their application form (*details supplied*) indicated that

they had support for the School Zone. Both the Area Engineer and the Schools Outreach Officers visited the site, spoke to the Principal and were of the understanding there was support for the School Zone.

An oversight on the final design drawing for the school indicated the pencils were to extend across the driveway of the Church. As soon as the error was raised, the placement of the bollards was rectified immediately. Both the *(details supplied)* were contacted to inform them that the issue was being addressed straight away. Subsequently, the Schools Outreach Officer spoke to the *(details supplied)* at a later date to further explain the objectives of the School Zone initiative and obtained valuable local information to support *(details supplied)* in their management of the School Zone once the schools reopen.

The next steps include liaison with the Principal and An Taisce Green-Schools Programme to roll out an awareness campaign to prepare parents for the use of the School Zone when the schools reopen. Driver behaviour around the School Zone once the schools reopen will be monitored ongoing feedback obtained from the Principal on any issues relating to the School Zone. Going forward the School Outreach Officers will engage on neighbourhood level for each School Zone installation to facilitate local supports including liaison with the Local Area Offices.

Two Schools Outreach Officers were appointed since late November 2020 to support the schools through the application process and to provide them with resources to help them inform both the school and local community about the School Zone initiative.

Dublin City Council has a policy of replacing damaged infrastructure. The School Zones do not affect the normal functioning of a road other than to act as a traffic calming measure and to prevent illegal parking on footpaths.

Contact: Niamh Ni Cholmain, Schools Outreach Officer, Covid Mobility
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Q15 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that the resident at *(details supplied)* have his concerns addressed. He has had major flooding in his garden since DCC allowed the construction of housing on the old Bowling Green that used to be located behind his home. I have seen from pictures the serious threat to his property and the reduction on his enjoyment of his garden from factors outside his control. Can DCC please investigate and sort out the problem. I fear if this is not sorted out, legal action will follow. The residents tells me there used to be a stream where the new houses exist. However, he feels since the stream is now gone his garden has become the soak for the new development.

Reply

DCC Drainage Division is only responsible for public sewers on behalf of both DCC and Irish Water. The public sewers (foul and surface water) in the vicinity of this address have been checked and are operating normally. The development at St Agnes Court has not been taken in charge, i.e. the drainage is the responsibility of the Approved Housing Body that owns the site, not Dublin City Council. This would be a private matter between the householder and the site owner.

Contact: Pdraig Doyle, Senior Engineer, Drainage Planning and Development Control.
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Contact was made with the Approved Housing Body, Respond, who manage the new housing development at St. Agnes Court. They were not aware of any drainage issues within the St. Agnes estate. However, they have confirmed the issue will be raised with their development section for further investigation.

Contact: Kay Noonan Cork, Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Area Manager

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Q16 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council arrange for a major litter pick along the tree line / bushes boundary in the Californian Hills Park, Rossmore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, before the growing season starts. If the schools were open I would get support to do it locally. I have walked through the Park and its needs a clean-up.

Reply

Parks will arrange for a deep clean of California Hills in the coming weeks.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3144

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Q17 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services please give an update of what stages we are at with the Cherry Orchard LAP, to include when we hope to commence the various actions of the LAP, what are the anticipated costs of the said actions and our efforts to date to get European Regional Development Funds / national funding.

Reply

The Park West / Cherry Orchard LAP has a total of 86 objectives, as follows

- 11 Economic Objectives
- 12 Housing Objectives
- 16 Movement Objectives
- 17 Urban Design Objectives
- 11 Community and Social Objectives
- 4 Heritage Objectives
- 8 Green Infrastructure / Biodiversity Objectives
- 7 Infrastructure Objectives

Many of these actions are ongoing, many are dependent on funding and will be achieved through the development of the eight development and two key amenity sites, listed below: The first five sites are owned by DCC, the balance privately. A briefing for Councillors in relation to these sites is being arranged in the near future. Two structures to assist implementation are in place, an internal LAP implementation team and the interagency Cherry Orchard Development Group.

URDF:

An application for funding in the sum of €31,618,770 for various projects was made to the Urban Regeneration and Development fund in 2020, which would require match funding of €10,539,590 from the City Council. This funding is towards the implementation of key objectives of the LAP, to support the delivery of between 2,200

and 3,000 new homes, along with new employment and enterprise space, supported by new community and recreational facilities. The major elements are

- Cherry Orchard Park redesign and redevelopment (€8m)
- Gallanstown Waterworks, exploration of feasibility and design (400k)
- Strategic Greenway Design, - Le Fanu Park to the Grand Canal (€300k)
- Bridge Design and Construction (over the Grand Canal, linking Le Fanu Park, Cherry Orchard Park, the Train Station, Park West and Gallanstown to the Canal Greenway) – (€2.14m)
- Servicing sites 2, 4 and 5 of the LAP
- Cherry Orchard Community and Social Enterprise Hub (€2.69m)
- Public Lighting upgrade throughout LAP area (€3.173m)
- Extension of Community CCTV system (€500k)
- Upgrade of wider area water supply and foul drainage network (€1.6m)

It is hoped that a decision on the URDF application will be received in the near future.

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In relation to URDF

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Q18 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council please look at re-positioning the recycling banks from the Tesco Car Park to some more suitable location. I regret to say, whilst I love recycling, the bottle banks etc. attract a large amount of unwanted waste to the area. The banks themselves are in a poor state as are others in the Ballyfermot Area. Can I ask for a report on the matter on what we can do to try and sort out the problem.

Reply

Waste Management Services is committed to recycling and providing the best service we can in a busy, urban environment. However, the reality is that finding sites for new bottle banks in the city is very problematic. Publicly owned land is at a premium. The majority of Bottle Banks in the city are located on privately owned land e.g. supermarket car parks. Bottle banks are incredibly difficult to maintain and despite cleaning by our own staff and by service providers, dumping is often an issue for us – which makes them unpopular.

We are restricted to where we can place them under planning regulations (SI 600 of 2001) and our service provider needs to be able to service all sites in a safe manner. The area must be free of overhead cables and overhanging trees, must not conflict with bus or cycle lanes, and must be directly accessible by HGV.

Unfortunately, I am not in a position to remove the banks from their present location at this time, but I am happy to work with the area office to attempt to find a suitable alternative location for the banks at Tesco Ballyfermot.

Waste Management Services are currently developing a bottle-bank maintenance programme and intend to systematically re-paint all DCC stock steel bottle banks this year. We are also engaged in a programme of animation of bottle banks in highly visible locations. The programme is currently on hold due to social distancing restrictions but I would be happy to add the banks at Tesco Ballyfermot to the list.

Our Street Grading programme began in late 2019, and we saw noticeable improvements in the grades assigned to each area over the course of 2020. Bottle banks were recently added to this programme and we anticipate a similar improvement in the maintenance of recycling facilities in the coming weeks and months as a result.

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Q19 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council please look again at the junction of Ballyfermot Road / Cherry Orchard Ind. Est. where the Lidl supermarket is located. The restrictive nature of this junction and all traffic movement coming from Ballyfermot out of the city towards Clondalkin / Palmerstown / the west results in all traffic stopping if someone is entering the industrial estate to Lidl etc. It is a huge issue with Dublin Bus etc. that buses wait for up to 40 minutes from the Church of the Assumption to Cherry Orchard Hospital all because of the poor junction located here. I asked early last year that we ban left turns from Ballyfermot Road at the garage / Lidl junction and push until the next left turn at the Industrial Estate. This would allow traffic continue and improve traffic flows.

Reply

A "No Right Turn" sign has been recommended at the junction of Ballyfermot Road / Cherry Orchard Ind. Est for outbound traffic travelling in the direction of Clondalkin / Palmerstown.

This will be brought to the attention of the traffic officer for immediate attention.

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Q20 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services, has contact been made with the management company of Ceadarbrooke to discuss the leaks and dampness in these apartments, the situation continues to deteriorate and is affecting council tenants, private rented sector tenants and home owners?

Reply

The Management Company have repaired the roof. If DCC tenants are affected by these leaks, they should contact Housing Maintenance (01 222 2222 FREEFONE: 1800 200 668) and all necessary repairs will be carried out.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
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Tel: 2223517

Q21 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services, to ensure that the commemorative garden at the Civic Centre is preserved and protected during the development of the park beside the centre and any changes will be done in full consultation with those involved in the commemorative garden?

Reply

It is the intention to preserve the garden as part of the park upgrade. Parks, Landscape & Biodiversity Services have been consulting with the commemorative garden committee over the last few months on this. Plans and 3D visuals have been shared with the group.

Contact: Suzanne O'Connell, Executive Landscape Architect
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Q22 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services will you organise for DCC to carry out street cleaning on the roads around Walkinstown church?

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned roads cleaned on the 4th February 2021.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Tel: 2224240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services regarding the recycling containers beside the credit union at Walkinstown Green which were removed, they have since been reinstated. They are attracting litter. Will DCC consider removing them again?

Reply

Unauthorised clothing banks have recently appeared at a number of locations across the city, including Walkinstown Green. Waste Management Services are currently working to address the situation.

Contact: Sid Daly, Public Domain Officer, Waste Management Services.
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Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services, can she provide the councillor with a full update on the investigation into the fire at Thornton's recycling plant.

Reply

Dublin Fire Brigade attended the scene of a significant industrial fire at Thornton's Recycling plant, located on the Killeen Road, Ballyfermot on Saturday 9th January 2021. At 19:06, (7:06 PM), a call was received at the Eastern Regional Control Centre (ERCC), Townsend Street, Dublin 2, reporting a Fire Industrial at Thornton's Recycling, Killeen Road, Ballyfermot. The call was categorised as Fire Industrial.

Following firefighting activities on site, the scene was handed over to An Garda Síochána. The mandate for investigation into the cause of the fire and any subsequent findings rests with An Garda Síochána.

Contact: *Dennis Keeley, Chief Fire Officer*
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Q25 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services will she organise for the area around the bottle banks in Tesco's Shopping Centre, Ballyfermot to be regularly cleaned?

Reply

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned location cleaned on a daily basis.

Contact: *Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services*
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Q26 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services, will DCC consider installing traffic calming on Lough Conn Road, Ballyfermot?

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7018937) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: *Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group*
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Q27 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on (*details supplied*) who applied for an extension, can DCC ensure this extension is carried out ASAP and give a date when the family can expect the work to commence?

Reply

Housing Maintenance will assess the file within the next 2 weeks and will notify the tenant in writing of the decision made in their case.

Contact: *Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance*
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Q28 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update and timeframe for the planned refurbishment of Tyrone Place and Bernard Curtis House?

Reply

Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its 4 stage approval process.

A feasibility study is currently in progress for the redevelopment of Tyrone Place. The Housing and Community Services Department endeavours to submit a Stage 1 application for initial approval and appraisal to the DHLGH in May 2021. Upon receipt of Stage 1 approval, a design team will be appointed and consultation will be arranged with the residents and local community.

With regards future plans for Bernard Curtis House, the Housing and Community Services Department is focusing its efforts on redeveloping the former Irish Water site at Bluebell. The Housing and Community Services Department has submitted a Stage 1 application for initial approval and appraisal to the DHLGH. Upon receipt of Stage 1 approval, a design team will be appointed and further collaboration and consultation with the Bluebell Community Council and residents will be arranged.

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Q29 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services;

- a) how many applications were received from council tenants in Dublin South Central for housing extensions on medical grounds or on grounds of overcrowding in the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020;
- b) how many extensions were carried out in each of these years;
- c) how many applications are currently on the waiting list in DSC
- d) what is the budget allocation every year for this work to be carried out
what is the average cost for the extensions

Reply

A. Medical Grounds

2016 – 16
2017 – 17
2018 – 13
2019 – 11
2020 – 5

Overcrowding Grounds

2016 - 5
2017 - 4
2018 - 7
2019 - 5
2020 – 5

B. 2016 – 3 DSC AREA

2017 – 8 DSC AREA
2018 – 2 DSC AREA
2019 – 7 DSC AREA
2020 – 7 DSC AREA

C. Medical Grounds – DSC AREA – 16

Overcrowding Grounds – DSC AREA – 130

D. €2.5 million

E. Average cost of an Extension - € 103,349.00 (This based on the extensions that were completed last year.)

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Q30 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether the financial contribution scheme is currently operational and, if so, whether a recently widowed individual living outside of Dublin can avail of the scheme to facilitate a move to be closer to family.

Reply

The Financial Contribution Scheme is currently active, however, it is only available to applicants aged 60 years or older and living within the Dublin City Council administrative area.

Whilst Dublin City Council are empathetic to the individual's situation, they would not be eligible owing to the fact they do not reside within the Dublin City Council administrative area, which is a requirement of the scheme.

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Q31 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services what housing unit size would (*details supplied*) be entitled to should she request a transfer for her and her 4 children.

Reply

When an applicant applies for a Transfer, the application is assessed on the information provided by the applicant. Based on the information held in respect of the above named, she would be eligible for a three bedroom property, however, there may be other information made available by the applicant at the time of application that could change the unit that the applicant would be considered for.

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Q32 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services for an update on Planning Enforcement Complaint (*details supplied*)

Reply

The Public House that is the subject of this complaint has been closed for some time due to government health restrictions associated with the Covid 19 pandemic and therefore the uses that is the subject of this complaint is not currently taking place. Once restrictions have been lifted relating to the opening of Public Houses, the Planning Enforcement Section will inspect the premises and will ascertain if there is

an enforceable case having regard to any exemptions that may be brought in allowing the use of outdoor space associated with licenced premises.

Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager

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Q33 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the pedestrian lights at the Brookfield road/SCR junction - residents report that the lights are frequently out of order.

Reply

We have received a number of queries over the past number of months relating to the operation of the pedestrian lights at this junction. On each occasion we have sent our traffic signals maintenance contractor to repair faulty/broken pedestrian equipment on site and these faults have been repaired within 24 hours and very often much sooner. However, upon receipt of your question we requested that our traffic signals maintenance contractor attend the site with a member of the City Council Traffic Officer team to carry out a full review of the operation of the signals and detection at this site. Using our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management System we requested the contractor to simulate a number of possible fault scenarios and through this process we identified how the intermittent pedestrian fault manifests itself. We have updated settings in our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management system and repaired a faulty pedestrian push button on site to prevent this from occurring again. Finally, please note that we are also installing a new traffic signals program to the controller on site which contains some additional functionality to further ensure that this intermittent fault does not occur again. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Contact: Liam O'Brien, Intelligent Systems Officer

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Q34 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether there are any particular supports we can offer to someone who has come out of prison and is having difficulty securing housing.

Reply

Our Central Placement Service operates a prison discharge protocol, working directly with the Irish Prison Service Resettlement Officers in relation to prison discharges into homeless services in Dublin. This includes early notification of prison discharges for Dublin City Council, as with all presentations to homeless services, a comprehensive assessment is carried out to determine the individuals need for emergency accommodation. Factors considered in the assessment process include but are not limited to; accommodation history, reason for homelessness, qualification for social housing, support needs and any other relevant information that will inform the assessment. Emergency accommodation if required is provided prior to discharge. If you are concerned about a specific individual, please contact bevin.herbert@dublincity.ie who manages our Central Placement Service.

Contact: Mary Flynn, A/ Director, DRHE

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Q35 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether the laneway between Mayfield and Madison, off the SCR, could be included in our rota for regular cleansing. The lane is used regularly by folk who do not live in the area and despite residents best efforts, it is frequently used as an outdoor latrine and can be littered.

Reply

Waste Management Services will monitor the above mentioned laneway and ensure that it is cleaned on a more regular basis.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.

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Q36 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services when we can expect the windows for our tenant (*details supplied*) to be ready for installation.

Reply

The windows are with the contractor and will be installed as soon as level 5 restrictions are lifted.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations

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Q37 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to urgently investigate the ongoing issue with leaks coming through the ceilings into the home of our Tenant (*details supplied*)

Reply

Housing Maintenance have been out with this tenant and works to her home have been completed.

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Q38 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the completion and allocation of units at Bonham street?

Reply

The housing scheme under development at Bonham Street had an original completion date of 29th March 2021. This was prior to any COVID shutdown. As a result of the initial site closure the programme date was revised to the 16th of August 2021. Unfortunately, due to the current shutdown this timeline will be further pushed out and it is anticipated that it will now be October 2021 before the homes are completed. A new programme date will be confirmed when the site officially reopens and work has recommenced.

The Bonham Street Apartments will be allocated as per Dublin City Council's scheme of lettings. A certain percentage will be allocated to the local area and Oliver Bond

residents who are on Dublin City Councils Housing list or Transfer list are welcome to note an interest in these units.

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Q39 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services how significant the impact of level 5 restrictions are on general maintenance and turnaround of voids.

Reply

Housing Maintenance management have worked closely with Framework Contractors, Health and Safety, utilities providers and other stakeholders to ensure that Level 5 restrictions have had as little impact as possible on the voids refurbishment programme.

Construction activity continues to be permitted in areas such as the delivery of social housing and this has allowed Housing Maintenance to retain KPIs for the number of voids refurbished and the average time it takes a refurbishment to be completed.

Housing Maintenance refurbished 922 properties for re-letting in 2020 as against just over 1,000 the previous year. On average, contractors took just over 11 weeks on average to refurbish a property in both 2019 and 2020.

Housing Maintenance is closely monitoring the impact of Level 5 restrictions and Brexit on the supply chain for contractors.

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Q40 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services how best to advise tenants when claiming for essential repairs/refurbishment from the councils Insurance broker given the restrictions on home assessment visits?

Reply

The Tenant should submit their claim forms as normal to DCC Law Department. IPB will contact the tenants by phone and make arrangements to visit when safe to do so.

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Tel: 222 3517

Q41 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to liaise with the residents at Clarence Mangan Road regarding the planned installation of Pay & Display. They have expressed some concern that the proposed plan deviates from what was previously discussed and agreed.

Reply

Please find attached copies of the maps issued for residents who voted for the new pay and display and parking permit scheme for Clarence Mangan Road. The Environment and Transportation Department does reserve the right to implement a

new pay and display and permit parking scheme that is somewhat different to what was on the map voted on by residents. This is declared in the letter issued residents when they vote. However, a review will have to take place to confirm if what has gone in on the ground is materially different or not to what was proposed on the attached maps. We will report back to Cllr Devine with the outcome of this review.

Contact: *Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy and Enforcement*
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Q42 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the locked railed green space enclosure at Rialto Cottages? What is the Council's legal advice on allowing access for residents pro temp while the legalities of ownership are investigated and settled?

Reply

The Area Office has requested Planning Dept. contact the owner to confirm their interest in the private railed garden and to discuss its future use by the local community. Dublin City Council cannot grant access to private land.

Contact: *Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area*
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Q43 Councillor Máire Devine

Can the Director of Services commence an audit on suitable commercial premises to promote and encourage business owners to consider "over the shop living" in the villages of SWIC and report back to this Committee?

Reply

The Living City initiative (LCI) is a tax incentive scheme to assist and encourage owners and investors to claim tax relief for money spent on refurbishment or conversion of commercial property and residential property (owner occupied and rented residential). The scheme was revised in early 2017 to include rented residential property and the criteria used in order to qualify under the scheme were amended to encourage greater uptake of the scheme. The minimum cost of works to qualify under the scheme is €5,000. While Dublin City Council administers residential and rented residential applications, applications for the commercial element of the LCI must be made directly to the Revenue Commissioners for assessment and certification.

The commercial property aspect of the LCI focuses on the regeneration of retail and commercial districts by allowing owners to claim an accelerated capital allowance on money spent on refurbishment or conversion of commercial property. The relief for commercial properties is available over a 7 year period (15% per annum for 6 years & 10% in year 7) and is applied for directly through the Revenue Commissioners.

In order to qualify under the scheme, the property must be within the designated 'Special Regeneration Area'. A map outlining the exact area is available on the DCC website at <https://mapzone.dublincity.ie/MapZoneLCI/MapZone.aspx?map=LCI>

The Living City Initiative unit in DCC is ready to assist owners unlock the potential of derelict or underutilised older buildings. The Unit will engage with the Area Manager to identify suitable properties and try to contact the owners to promote the Living City Initiative. Following the announcement that the closing date for the scheme has been extended to the end of 2022, the LCI team launched another advertising campaign.

This campaign was targeted within the designated SRA and included Digi Screen and Bus Shelter advertising platforms (see overleaf). A Facebook advertising campaign also took place to generate a greater awareness of the scheme.

The LCI unit has set up a 'One Stop Shop' advisory team from Planning, Architects, Fire Prevention, Building control, Conservation, Valuers etc., which is available to meet and advise owners and investors on statutory planning and development requirements. This free service is available by making an appointment in advance with the LCI unit by email at livingcityinitiative@dublincity.ie

Despite continuous promotion of the LCI in Dublin City Council, the number of residential and rented residential applications submitted remains disappointing. During a presentation given by DCC's LCI Advisory Team to the Irish Property Owners Association (mid-2019) a comments sheet was circulated and the information gathered was included in a report. This report identified that a grant based incentive, rather than a tax relief based incentive, similar to that in Amsterdam may result in a greater volume of interest. The Amsterdam incentive (2015/2016) offered a grant of up to €25,000 to store owners to convert unused space on their premises to homes. This resulted in the occupation of 850 apartments, many of them on upper floors above shops.

The adaptation of this scheme to the LCI initiative, along with extending the deadline for receipt of applications could be explored further. The Development Department in the process of reviewing the Living City Initiative and will make recommendations to the Revenue Commissioners to improve awareness, incentivise take up and increase the number of applications.

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Q44 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the Linear Park works from Fatima to Suir Bridge Luas stops.

Reply

A report on the recent Linear park consultation will be submitted to the next area committee (17th February).

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Q45 Councillor Máire Devine

With regard to the Dublin City Council boiler service for tenants in the South West Inner City ward, can the Director of Services respond to these points?

- How many SWIC tenants do Dublin City Council have that are being charged for a boiler service?
- Of those tenants how many have not received a boiler service for 2020, 2019 and 2018?
- Of those tenants paying a boiler service charge how many have received a service for 2020, 2019 and 2018?

Reply

- We have 21,733 domestic boilers. We do not have a specific figure for SWIC tenants however all tenants are requested to avail of this service which costs a maintenance fee for €4 per week which includes annual servicing, repairs and replacements where required.
- We do not have a figure of those tenants who did not receive a boiler service over this period however we endeavour to contact all tenants and it is only those who do not respond who do not have their boiler serviced.
- According to our records, there were 10,899 boilers serviced and 5,249 heating repairs carried out in the South Central area over this time period.

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Q46 Councillor Máire Devine

Question withdrawn.

Q47 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the roll out of free period products across Dublin City Council buildings. To date, how much of the allocated budget has been spent, and in how many buildings and facilities are free period products provided.

Reply

From December 2019, we have supplied free sanitary items to the public toilets in the Civic Offices. A total of €1033.20 (incl. VAT) has been spent to date.

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As previously reported to the March City Council meeting the process of putting in place a contract to satisfy procurement requirements initially delayed the programme of providing free sanitary products. A trial programme was in place up to February 2020 in a limited number of Sports and Recreation buildings. From March 2020 when the procurement process was resolved, a contract was entered into with Bunzl to supply products as required. The products were ordered and due for delivery just as the Covid – 19 restrictions were introduced and the suppliers resources went into transporting urgent goods for the HSE. However, a supply of the sanitary products were received in August and are available in those Sports and Recreation centres which are open. However, as Covid 19 restrictions introduced in March 2020 have had a significant impact on the numbers assessing these buildings no meaningful analysis or report can be provided at this time in relation to uptake. The initial costs to the Sports and Recreation Section is approximately €9,000 to date.

Contact Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer, Sports and Recreation

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Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services do not provide free sanitary products in any of our parks buildings.

Contact: Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent
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Libraries do not provide this service.

Contact: Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
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The Arts Office do not provide this service.

Contact: Maura Carty, Staff Officer, Arts Office
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Hugh Lane Gallery does not currently provide these free products.

Contact: Elaine Butler, General Manager, Hugh Lane Gallery
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Q48 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the proposed cycling infrastructure improvements from Drimnagh to Portobello.

Reply

Environment & Transportation Department will review the above request for an update and a response will be issued in due course.

Contact: Christopher K. Manzira, Senior Transportation Officer
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Q49 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if she can provide an update on the discussions between An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council regarding the possible relocation of Kilmainham Garda Station.

Reply

The provision of a new Garda station is entirely a matter for the Department of Justice and/or the OPW. Dublin City Council will always play a facilitative role where possible.

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